Investigation Report

City of Las Vegas
Department of Finance & Business Services

To: Jim DiFiore, Manager

From: Jim Rickett, Business Licensing Supervisor

CC: Bryan Scott, Chief Deputy City Attorney, Civil Division

Date: August 30, 2007

Summary:

Tranquility Spa, LLC, applied for a license for a cosmetology establishment in March of 2007. Due to a delay in obtaining a state license from the Nevada Board of Cosmetology, the license was not issued until May of 2007. This department almost immediately began receiving complaints that the business was operating as an unlicensed massage establishment. Based on an inspection conducted May 29, 2007, it appeared that the complaints were substantiated. Written warnings were issued to the one member of the LLC who was on the premises, along with a copy of the city massage code. In spite of this, a Metro sting operation on July 10, 2007, resulted in the arrest of an employee for solicitation of prostitution, doing massage without a license, obscene touching of the genitals and obscene exposure Two members of the LLC who were on the premises at the time were also cited for operating a massage establishment without a license. As of August 29, 2007, the business continues to operate, with a display advertisement in the massage section of the August 23, 2007, edition of CityLife magazine.

Business License Information:

Tranquility Spa, LLC
2123 Paradise Road, Suite A
License number B05-03047-3-133862
Jay Smith, Manager
Jason Gatley, Manager
Connie Ferrero Manager

Date of license application: March 27, 2007

Original license issued: May 8, 2007

Chronology of Events:

3/27/07: Application filed for a day spa (cosmetology establishment, 2 stations). Description states "day spa, cosmetology (heat therapy, body wraps, facials, relaxation 2 stations/no massage or reflexology/no sales." A copy of the application is attached.

4/19/07: Denial letter sent because Nevada State Board of Cosmetology showed no license for the business.

5/4/07: State Board of Cosmetology advised that shop permit number S10754 had been issued for the establishment.

5/8/07: Review completed and city license issued.

5/10/07: Telephoned complaint received from neighboring business alleging that Tranquility Spa is offering massage. Per complainant, he called, asked if they did massage and was told that they did; rates were quoted as \$50.00 for a half hour and \$80.00 for a full hour. Stacy Huddleston called Tranquility Spa, spoke to a male who identified himself as an owner and advised him that they are not allowed to offer massage. He denied that they were doing so.

5/23/07: Letter received from Corey M. Eschweiler with Snell & Wilmer Law Offices, representing Jim Ernsberger, doing business as Sun City Spa, Inc., relaying a complaint from their client regarding Tranquility Spa offering massage services.

5/29/07: Inspection of the business premises was conducted by Jim Rickett and Robert Cone of Business Services, Robert Alicea and William Schoen of Metro SIS and Annie Curtis of the State Board of Cosmetology. The inspection revealed that the establishment had massage tables in four rooms and little or no equipment that would indicate a cosmetology establishment.

Several Asian females were found on the premises, at least one of whom was living in the facility, as well as a man who, after some evasive answers, identified himself as Jay Smith, one if the owner/managers. Smith insisted that they were doing no massage and that all their activities fell within the scope of their cosmetology license. He produced a one-page printed form stating that the "relaxation session" being sold for \$80.00 did not involve massage, even though it did include a "body rub." The form was entitled "Selection of Services," but listed only one item, a "relaxation session." It offered a lengthy description of the session, stating that the session consisted of "pleasant company...intriguing conversation and... the most relaxing body rub ever experienced." It went on to state that the sessions were not performed by massage therapists and that the women performing the session made no claim of massage. It appeared to be an attempt to offer a massage as defined by LVMC 6.52.020 while denying that the service offered was a massage. A copy of the form is attached.

Smith was provided with a copy of LVMC 6.52, and his attention was called to the definition of massage it contains. He was advised that he and the other principals would be cited under that code if any employee was found to be doing massage in the establishment. Smith continued to insist that all the activity would be covered by the cosmetology license. At that point, Annie Curtis, Chief

Inspector for the Nevada Board of Cosmetology, asked if he or anyone else in the facility held a valid cosmetology license. It developed that the only person connected with the business who did hold such a license was Connie Ferrero, another owner/manager. According to Smith, she was then out of town. Chief Inspector Curtis informed him that the establishment was to close until Connie Ferrero returned. She issued a notice of violation to Smith and informed him that the three employees currently there needed to leave and not return until they had obtained their own cosmetology licenses. She also informed Smith that the exception for massage contained in the Board of Cosmetology regulations applied only to rubbing or massage required in the application of skin or scalp treatments and did not extend to "relaxation therapy" as he described it, nor to any activity not directly related to the cosmetology treatment being done. A copy of the notice is attached.

During the course of the inspection, Tony Guarino and Lori Hageman from Code Enforcement arrived. They issued Smith another notice of violation for allowing an employee to live in the establishment and cautioned him regarding making tenant improvements without a licensed contractor.

July 10, 2007: Metro Vice and Metro Special Investigations did an undercover operation that resulted in the arrest of one employee, Min Om, for soliciting for purposes of prostitution, obscene touching of the genitals, obscene exposure of the genitals and performing massage without a license. Two principals of the business, Jason Gatley and Connie Ferrero, were on the premises at the time. Gatley left the building and entered his vehicle in an apparent attempt to flee, but was apprehended by Metro officers and brought back. Both he and Ferrero were cited for operating a massage establishment without a license. Their arraignment is set for September 11, 2007. Min Om is set for arraignment on her charges on November 11, 2007.

It was determined at the time that Min Om did not hold a license from the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology. Connie Ferrero informed the Metro officers that Om was studying to obtain a cosmetology license. As of August 17, 2007, the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology has no record of Min Om applying for or obtaining a cosmetology license.

8/29/07: The location was inspected by Lon Grasmick, Mike Flynn and myself at approximately 2:00 p.m. The only person in the establishment at the time was Connie Ferrero. Ferrero maintained that she is doing facials, body wraps and paraffin treatments of the hands and feet. When asked if she had any employees, she said that she does not, although she is trying to hire another cosmetologist.

I noted what appeared to be an offering of an open can of beer and a small bag of rice on the floor in the corner behind the main entrance door. There was also a statuette of Ho Tai, the Chinese god of good luck, with incense sticks and a

small amount of money clipped to his belt, on a pedestal in the northwest corner of the lobby. Both these items are staple fixtures in massage establishments employing Asian women. This would lead me to believe that Asian women, probably ethnic Chinese, are still employed in the establishment.

During the inspection I noted several copies of the June, 2007, Trip Sheet Magazine, a local magazine catering to cab and limousine drivers. When I mentioned that I had been looking for one, Ferraro invited me to take one. Page 10 of the magazine contains a quarter-page color display advertisement for Tranquility Spa, advertising the establishment as "Driver Friendly, \$25 paid to drivers per client 1 hr, 11 am-3am." The ad also specifies "Hand & Foot Massage." A copy is attached.

There are also several framed signs posted on the wall of the lobby. One in particular was entitled "House Rules." It appears to be a statement that Tranquility Spa does not permit sexual conduct on the premises and is not responsible or liable if it should occur. A photograph is attached.

Following the inspection I found a copy of the August 23, 2007, edition of CityLife. Tranquility Spa has a display advertisement in the massage section of the classified advertisements in that publication as well. A copy of the page is attached.

Recommendations:

Based on the foregoing information, it appears that this business establishment has from the outset operated as an unlicensed massage establishment and possibly as a front for prostitution.

Chapter 6.02.090 states, in part: "The Director may...refuse to renew a license if...the licensee or any of its principals is engaged, or has commenced, instituted, advertised, aided, carried on, continued or engaged, in a business, trade or profession without having obtained a valid license, an approval for suitability, a permit or a work card when such a person knew that one was required or under such circumstances that they reasonably should have known one was required, or has solicited, encouraged, caused or procured another to do so;... or the premises on which the business is conducted do not satisfy local, state or federal laws or regulations which pertain to the activity which is actually engaged in;"

The continuing advertisements and the continuing conduct of the principals would lead a reasonable person to conclude that they intend to operate as massage establishment so long as the business remains open. Given that a massage establishment would require a different license, approval of suitability for all principals and a special use permit, there would appear to be ample grounds for non-renewal of the existing business license.

Attachments:

Copy of license application

Copy of letter complaining of massage activity

Copy of Selection of Services form

Copy of Nevada State Board of Cosmetology Report of Establishment

Copy of Metro report regarding arrest and citations on July 10, 2007

Copy of Trip Sheet Magazine advertisement

Photographs of House Rules sign

Copy of CityLife advertisement

Photographs of exterior display advertising at 2123 Paradise

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Las Vegas Business License Application

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VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

Stacy Huddleston, License Technician Department of Finance and Business License City of Las Vegas 400 Stewart Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Tranquility Spa, 2125 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Dear Stacy:

Please be advised that we have been retained to represent the interests of Jim Ernsberger and Sun City Spa, Inc. with regard to the improper issuance of a massage license.

It has come to our attention that Tranquility Spa, located at 2125 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, is offering massage services. This includes half hour, hour and table shower massages. In fact, a simple inspection of the premises reveals the promotion of these services. This violates municipal code. Specifically, 19.04.010 provides that there shall be no other massage establishment licensed within 1000 feet of a prior licensed massage establishment. As you are aware, Sun City Spa, Inc. is located at 2033 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. This is within 1000 feet of Tranquility Spa. In fact, Tranquility Spa is next door. Sun City Spa, Inc. was licensed in 2002. The ordinance was enacted to protect spas such as Sun City Spa, Inc. We request an immediate inspection of the premises in order to determine Tranquility Spa's compliance with this ordinance. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation.





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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Las Vegas Business License Application

400 Stewart Ave., 3rd Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 229-6281 (Voice) - (702) 386-9108 (TDD)

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Home Occupation Permit Application Applicant must initial all conditions below and sign the application. If the applicant is not the property owner, the property owner must sign the application where indicated or otherwise give written permission for this use of the property. The Planning Director must be satisfied that the proposed home occupation will comply with the following standards. Only the occupants of the dwelling unit shall be engaged in the No Home Occupation business shall create or cause noise, dust, light, vibration, gas, fumes, toxic or hazardous materials, smoke. business activity approved for the Home Occupation Permit. glare, electrical interference or other hazards or nuisances either No employees shall report to work or be dispatched from the property. on or off the premises. There shall be no transacting of business or offers to transact There shall be no electrical or mechanical equipment which is not business with customers or clients who have come to the property. normally found in a residential structure and no equipment found on the premises shall cause a change in the fire safety or There shall be no signage or other advertising of any kind, whether on the property or elsewhere, which advertises the address or occupancy classification of the dwelling unit. physical location of the property or identifies the existence of a Home There shall be no outdoor storage or use of any toxic chemicals or Occupation on the property. A home telephone number or a post hazardous materials of any type or in any amount not normally office box may be advertised by any medium other than on-site found in a residential structure. language. No more than one vehicle with a maximum capacity of one ton No motor vehicle repair, paint or body work, commercial preparation shall be used in connection with a Home Occupation Permit. of food for service on the premises, business related to or involving explosives, ammunitions or weapons, beauty parlor or barber shop, or ambulance or related emergency services shall be permitted as Home Occupation. Applicant Signature: Date A Home Occupation shall not create pedestrian, automobile or truck traffic in excess of the normal amount associated with residential uses in the district. Property Owner Signature: Date A Home Occupation business shall be conducted exclusively within the main dwelling or within an accessory structure which has been approved for the Home Occupation Permit, except for horticultural Date Approved by: activities. The number of on-site parking spaces shall not be reduced to less than two. **Anticipated Opening:** NV State Sales Tax Permit #: Clark Co. Health Permit # / Card Expiration: # of Massage Rooms Coin-Op Machines on Premises: Other (Specify): Pinhall Darts **Pool Tables** Translator Required: MS. PC Date: Bond: CC Date: SUP#: SLIP # Monition Use HN License # CC License # NLV License # Comments: Police Letter Henderson SCOPE **NLV SCOPE** Metro SCOPE Amount: Date: Amount: TNE Amount: Date: TN#: Paid to: Date: Amount: TN#: Paid to: Amount Date: TN#: 2nd Temporary 3rd Temporary Final: 1st Temporary Approvals: Planning: Fire: License:

City of Las Vegas Acknowledgement Addendum

Please read and then initial each line item below.

Business license applications will not be processed without this addendum.

Please retain a copy for your records.

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NEVADA BUSINESS REGISTRATION

important details are included in the instructions. Please type or print in black ink. Each agency may request additional information depending on your type of business. Completing this form does not relieve you of any statutory or regulatory requirements relating to your business.

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ORIGINAL SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY AGENCIES—KEEP COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS APP-01.00 Rev 02-17-05

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Tranquility Spa LLC.

Selection of services

Relaxation session

Signature	\$80.00 fee

This 50 minute session brings complete mind and body relief from the daily grind. The moment you enter the comfort of your private treatment room all stress and worry will disappear. You will hear soothing music, encounter pleasant company, engage in intriguing conversation and enjoy the most relaxing body rub ever experienced. Relaxation sessions are not performed by massage therapists. They have no training in massage. The Relaxation session is entertainment and relaxation only. The women performing this session make no claim of giving a massage. (Please note that this is not a massage and does not provide the therapeutic health benefits.) Regardless of which service you choose, you are entitled to full use of all of the facilities Tranquility Spa has to offer. Our goal is your complete satisfaction and enjoyment. If you are dissatisfied, or have experienced anything inappropriate, please speak with our manager immediately.

Thank you for your continued patronage.

Sincerely, Tranquility Spa 08/22/2007 09:51

Main Office: STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY 1785 B. Sahara Avenue, Suite 255 Las Vegas, Neveda 89164 (702) 486-6543

Branch Office: STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY 4800 Kictzke Lane, Building I, Suite 200 Renn, Nevado 89502 (775) 688-1442

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LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE : July 11, 2007

TO: Jim Rickett, City of Las Vegas Business License

SUBJECT: Enforcement Activity at Tranquility Spa, 2123 Paradise Rd

Mr. Rickett,

On July 10, 2007 at approximately 12:30 pm Vice Detectives of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department entered the location of 2123 Paradise, Tranquility Spa reference complaints of prostitution. Detectives of the Special Investigations Section were also on standby reference the same complaints and additional complaints of this business performing massage.

The undercover Vice officer went into the business asking for a massage, for which he paid \$100.00. He was taken to a room with a massage table and told to undress. During the massage an offer of a sexual nature was broached by the attendant to the UC officer. After an agreed amount of money was exchanged a bust signal was given and additional detectives entered the building.

When the additional detectives started entering one of the owners, Jason Gatley, got in his vehicle and attempted to leave but he was stopped. Mr. Gatley and another owner, Connie Ferrero, were both on property when the illegal massage and the offer of prostitution was performed. In the business was also a list of services which could be bought by clients. Some of these services were full body massage, foot reflexology, and body wraps. These services would require a Massage Establishment license, which the owners do not have. Additionally no one including the women giving the message to the undercover officer was licenced as a Massage Therapist. The women giving the massage does not hold any kind of license, massage or cosmetology, to perform any services.

Mr. Gatley and Ms. Ferrero were interviewed asking why they were allowing massage to be performed at their business. They both answered they don't know what goes on behind the door. Ms. Ferrero was identified as the individual whom the UC officer spoke with first to obtain the massage and pay for the service. Both Mr. Gatley and Ms. Ferrero were issued citations for operating a massage establishment without a license.

I asked Ms. Ferrero why there were massage tables in every room. She told me the tables were used for body wraps, specifically cellulite and salt glows. I informed her that her cosmetology license did not allow her to perform those types of wraps. She was adamant she was told by someone from the cosmetology board she could administer these types of body wraps. Ferrero further told me she was performing facials. I noticed there were no sinks or warming devices for towels in the rooms. Ms. Ferrero showed me the warming device she uses to warm towels. It was a rice cooker in the literal sense which did not look very sanitary.

In summary this Cosmetology business was not operating within the scope of their license. Both owners were issued citations for operating a massage business without a license. One employee was arrested and booked for the following charges: (1)Solicitation for the purpose of Prostitution, (2) Doing massage with out a business license, (3) Obscene touching of the genitals, (4) Obscene exposure of the genitals. When Ms. Ferrero was questioned to what position this employee was hired for she said for facials. I questioned Ferrero asking if the employee was licensed, she said no. The employee according to Ferrero was studying to get her esthiology license.

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Toni Weeks, Detective

Special Investigation Section



Cab Files

I find it hard to tell you I find it hard to take When people run in circles It's a very, very Mad World. -Gary Jules

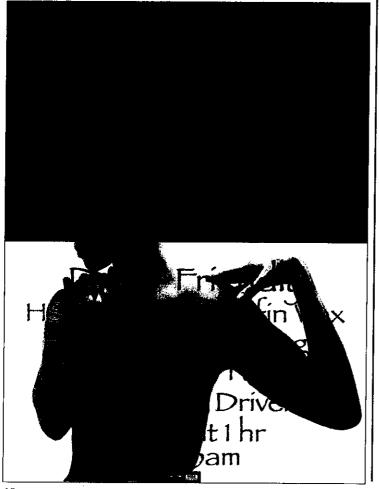
One Dollar Tips...No Guarantees At All!

Vienty people believe cabbies are making tons of cash from tips and that night divers are making even more. Let me clarify a few things first; Tips are received from the passenger and given to the taxi driver. Now here's where the confusion comes into play, Side Money is not the same as tip money. Of course you call all the money not turned into the company your side money, and money you obtain doing other services is also called side money. Whereas; drivers call Strip Club and Massage Parlor runs kick-downs or kick-backs. Two different things.

So let's take a good look at the actual tip and we'll use a magic number of 24 rides per your shift (day or night) if you will. At \$1.00 dollar a ride you made \$24.00 worth of tips. That's twenty four dollars you take home in your pocket. Doesn't sound like a whole lot of money to me, but if you work a 5 day week that comes to \$120.00 besides your daily income or bi-weekly paycheck.

Different companies make different amounts of tips, it's true and here's why. Let's say you drive for Deluxe Cab over in Green Valley/Henderson and your magic number of rides is 12. That'll come to \$12.00 tips for your shift, half the amount for half the rides, Yep that's \$12.00 Dollars! This also applies to A-Cab and North Las Vegas Cab.

Now I know there are some funky monkeys who sit on Boards or behind a desk and have heard differently about the amount of money given



to taxi-drivers, hold on to your wallets! Would you believe some tips are as little as a nickel? It's even more shocking that you might receive a nickel for more than one or two rides per day. So lets add that up with the magic number of 24 now and Holy Guacamole that's a whopping \$1.20 in tips for the day!

Sounds far fetched? This is a true statement. So true in fact that you'll hear this from many cabbies every single day and it doesn't stop there. Cabbies will tell their passengers how cheap the previous tourist was. Why they do this is not so obvious. There is nothing in the world more frustrating than a nickel tip and if you just dropped off a passenger and super doorman stuffs a stiff in the cab. Well there is a good chance that the cabby is still furning at the insulting tip of a nickel and the new stiff will pick up the bad vibe inside the cab and ask what's the matter. Other times drivers will just say it like this, "That a**-wipe just tipped me a freaking nickel so don't even think of doing the same." Leaving the passenger scared enough into tipping a dollar. Hershey squirted shorts will get the driver a \$5.00 tip (that's a joke).

That's one scenario, but here's one that's even truer. My cab hailing sister Anna was waiting at the Boulder Station cabstand when a sedan pulled in to drop off a fare and walked right into a flying nickel. The driver had tossed the nickel at the passenger for leaving him a nickel tip which hit him on the back. He turned around and cussed at the cab driver and Anna was caught right in the middle. They drove off and the cab driver said straight out to my sister, "Don't even think about giving me a nickel like that guy did."

Now my sister usually will tell the driver about me or ask if they've heard of me, but this time she didn't say a word and gladly gave the driver five bucks for a tip.

What's worse than a nickel tip? No tip, as this has become a regular occurrence although not an everyday one. Lines like, "Catch you later," or "I'll get you next time and double," are often spoken by the tight wadded tourist or CHEAP tourist if you will. You must remember, not everyone tips. People are like that. One time they will and the next time they won't.

So remember readers of The Cab Files, not everyone of us cabbies are making \$210.00 dollars a day in tips. If you want to be realistic though, try \$20.00-\$60.00 on a good day, anything more than that is a Bonus!

The Ugly Cucumber in Trouble

Here's the email from El Pepino's wife Ann: Dear Franky Boy, what have you've done? After you wrote about my husband in your column he has gone LOCO! First he's eating like a Puerco (pig) and now he wants to become King Of Aztlan. He said to me while we were at The Orleans buffet that the Southwest will be 85% percent Hispanic by the year 2010 and Las Vegas will be at the center of the Golden Promised Land.

I don't understand what's wrong with him, he was such a kind man when we married years ago. When he first started driving cab, he saw the chance to make serious money, but instead started his own taxi service called, Escondido (The Hidden) and worked out of Roberto's Taco shop. He would still be doing the illegal service if the Taxi Police didn't try to catch him a few years ago. Don't you remember he told you that story a couple of years ago? (June 2004 Trip Sheet.)

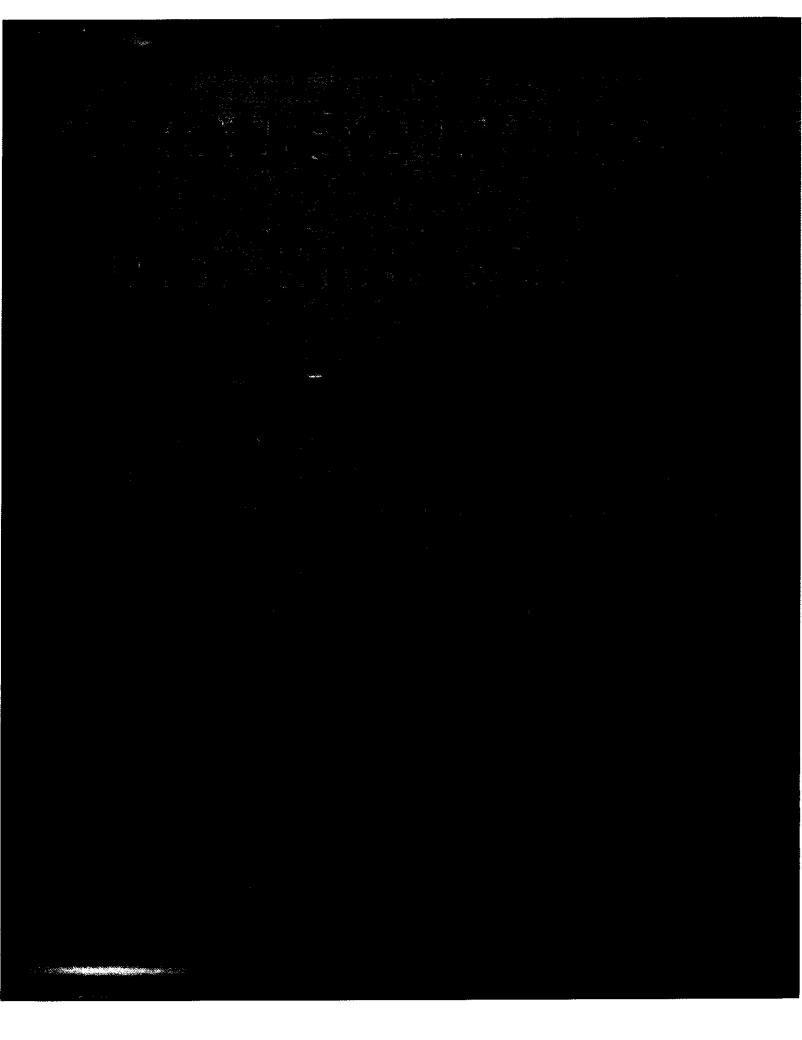
Can you please have a serious talk with him. I don't know what will happen if he wins those stupid food eating contests. Love Ann

(I'll do my best but you can't stop what's already in motion. Que será, será, Whatever will be will be.)

One Year Later

It's been a year since my friend and Editor of *Trip Sheet Magazine* Craig Harris died. I still think about him and the advice he gave me about many things. I miss him and I've really been wanting to go over to YCS and visit his memorial tree, but wonder if I'm allowed on the premises, hopefully Bill will okay my visit. Let me know.





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